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In the Specification

Change the paragraph starting on page 18 and extending to page 19, to read as follows

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The Bowler's Aid may include a stop means to limit the backward deflection of the Bowler's Aid, for example under the force of the bowling ball. The deflection stop means may be any suitable device, as would be apparent to one skilled in the art from the disclosure. For example, such a deflection stop means could be an overleaf 24, as shown in Figure 8, attached or fastened to the at one end 27 to the support means 12a, 12b or held in place by the fastening means 18a, 18b, or attached to the Bowlers Aid at one end by any suitable means as would be apparent from one skilled in the art from the disclosure of the inventive principles. A free end 27, of the overleaf 24 may extend over that part of the support means 12a, 12b, whose deflection is to be limited such as, for example, that part of the support means shown as between numerals 28 and 29 denoting the free part of overleaf 24. A similar deflection stop, as would be apparent to one skilled in the art from the disclosure of the inventive principles, could be used to stop forward deflection of the bowler's finger toward the palm of the bowler's hand, for example, when fixed to that part 51, 52, 53, 55 of the Bowler's Aid and with its free end extending over support means 12a, 12b.

In the Claims, amend the Claims as follows.

Claim 33 (Amended) with changes shown

Claim 33. (Amended A bowler's finger pad shield for protecting a finger pad from the force produced when applying lift to a bowling ball, to rotate or spin the ball at its release, comprising:

a) a finger pad shield with an open end adapted for insertion of a finger pad, said finger pad shield including a

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